Countering Left Oriented Extremist Activities

3416. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a broadbased strategy to counter left oriented extremist activities has evolved at the conference of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa held recently in New Delhi which was inagurated by the Union Home Minister;

(b) whether the above Conference approved/considered proposals formulated by the Committee headed by Home Secretary, Shri Kamal Pande; and

(c) if so, the details of discussions held and outcome thereof indicating whether special joint operational command or/and inter-State operation groups were also likely to be set up to coordinate among themselves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) In the meeting convened by the Union Home Minister with the Chief Ministers of the States affected by left wing extremism, it was felt that while the Centre would continue to extend all possible assistance to the States in intelligence gathering, Security Related Expenditure, training needs of Police personnel etc., the States concerned must continue their efforts towards focussed inter-State coordination, ground level intelligence gathering, in depth analysis of problem areas and considerable thrust on all areas of responsive administration including placement of very dedicated and sincere administrative hands in trouble prone areas, socio-economic measures to cater to the needs of the poorer segments and redressal of people's grievances.

A Joint Operation Group has been formed under the chairmanship of Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh.

Terrorism in J&K

†3417. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of innocent families attacked by terrorists and the number of those who lost their lives as well as the number of solders and police personnel sacrificed their lives in these attacks during January to March in Jammu and Srinagar alongwith the names of the places of attacks by the terrorists;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of attacks being made by the terrorists has increased in the said three months as compared to the period of last three months; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and what measures Government are going to take to check the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per the available information given below there has not been significant change in the level of terrorist incidenties and level of casualties during January—March, 2000 as compared to October—December, 1999.

	October 1999	November 1999	December 1999	January 2000	February 2000	March 2000
No. of terrorist incidents	258	229	270	227	212	241
No. of civilians killed	57	36	57	55	72	72
No. of security forces personnel killed	18	46	46	26	30	26

With a view to tackle the problem of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in the hinter land, gearing up inteligence machinary, greater functional integration through an institutional frame work of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for sequrity forces. Steps are being taken to flush out terrorists and curb terrorist activities including closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/ exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operation.

ISI Menace in some States

3418. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISI is active in Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to curb the activities of ISI in Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka?